State is weak and is likely to cause earth-quake from time to time; and

Cb) if so, what are the details in this regard and what "steps have been taken by the~ "Central Government to strengthen the ground isurface of the Dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member refers to the foundation of Koyna Dam. The foundation of Koyna Dam rests on massive baisalt rock; and is not weak. It has also been grouted. Earth tremors are experienced presumably due to structural adjustments in the deep underground layers in that area.

Foreign Missionaries in India

2999. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA;

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the MlmsteroTHOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign missionaries in India as on 1st January, 1989;

(b) the details relating to their nationality and religious denominations as well as the period of continuous stay in India; and

Cc) the details of those missionaries who entered and left India during 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF'HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Promises made by the Prime Minister regarding electoral reforms

3000. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of LAW'AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister made promises about electoral reforms during 1984-85 while campaigning for the last general elections to the Lok Sabha; and

(b) IF so, what are the details of electoral reforms which have been carried out so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No record of promises made in election campaigns or election speeches are maintained in this Department

It may, however, be mentioned that the Address by the President to the Parliament on 17-l-1985, i.e. immediately after the formation of the Government following the General Elections held in 1984, contains a policy statement that Government are committed to a clean public life and they intend to initiate wide ranging discussions on electoral reforms with political parties and would welcome their co-operation. It was also mentioned in that statement that in consonance with the objective of a healthy political system, Government intend to bring forward in that Session "of farliament an Anti-Defection Bill.

If is a matter of record that in 1985 itself two important legislative proposals, namely, the Constitution (Fifty-Second Amendment) Act, 1985 to deal with the evil of political defections and the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1985 to permit, subject to certain conditions, the donations by Companies to political parties, had been enacted.

Other important electoral reforms, which have been statutorily given effect to, thereafter are the following :—

(i) prevention of the misuse of religious institutions for politcal and other